

**SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE**

**DOCKET NO. [2019-130-E](#) ORDER NO. 2020-44-H**

**JUNE 2, 2020**

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Standing Hearing Officers

**DOCKET DESCRIPTION:**

**Ecoplexus, Incorporated, Complainant/Petitioner v. Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated (f/k/a South Carolina Electric & Gas Company), Defendant/Respondent**

**MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

SECOND CONSENT MOTION TO EXTEND DEADLINES by Ecoplexus, Inc. (Ecoplexus) and Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. (DESC) dated May 22, 2020.

**STANDING HEARING OFFICER ACTION:**

On May 22, 2020, counsel for Ecoplexus, Inc. filed a joint consent request on behalf of Ecoplexus and DESC for second forty-five (45) day extension of all deadlines and the procedural schedule in this Docket due to the disruption to business and legal matters due to COVID-19 and to allow the parties to continue settlement discussion. The parties state that they have been engaged in meaningful settlement discussion and would like additional time to continue those discussions; however, the parties are continuing to work remotely with limited staff and resources to the COVID-19 pandemic which has substantially hindered conducting discovery and in adequately preparing for all other matters scheduled pursuant to Standing Hearing Officer Directive No. 2020-31-H (April 9, 2020). The parties' request for extension includes a request not only to extend all dates in Standing Hearing Officer Directive No. 2020-31-H, but also requests a hold on all discovery, including responses currently due, for the same forty-five (45) days. The parties jointly proposed a schedule extending all deadlines by forty-five (45) days; however, the hearing date for Oral Arguments as proposed by the parties for August 10<sup>th</sup> needed to be moved to a later day that same week due to the Commission's schedule.

Pursuant to Commission Rule 103-831 and on Consent Motion from Ecoplexus, Inc. and Dominion Energy South Carolina dated May 22, 2020, the Commission finds good cause to revise the amended schedule set by the April 9, 2020 Standing Hearing Officer Directive in this matter.

The request for a forty-five (45) day extension to all deadlines, including discovery and hearing dates, is granted. The amended dates and procedural schedule are as follows:

July 6, 2020	Discovery to resume
July 20, 2020	Ecoplexus' Responses to DESC's First Set of Discovery Requests
August 12, 2020	Oral arguments regarding Motion to Dismiss (at 10:00 a.m.)
August 17, 2020	Discovery process ends
August 31, 2020	Ecoplexus prefile direct testimony
September 14, 2020	Other parties' testimony
September 21, 2020	Ecoplexus' rebuttal testimony
September 28, 2020	Other parties' surrebuttal testimony
October 15, 2020	Hearing to be rescheduled by the Commission not before this date